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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, CRITICAL INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS COMMITTEE

THRU: Vice Chairman, CIPC
Executive Secretary, CIPC

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SUBJECT: CIPC Study on NFIP Support to Contingency Operations

1. It will take the CIPC's NFIP Support to Contingency Operations Working Group another month beyond the original early July due date to prepare a study that will make a difference.

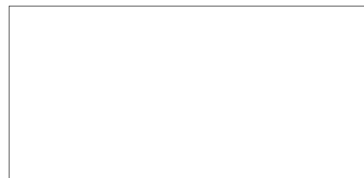
2. In the course of meeting nearly every Tuesday and Thursday since late April the working group has confirmed that providing national-level intelligence in support of contingency operations is indeed very complex, and involves diversified elements of the Community as well as a number of highly sensitive collection programs. Additionally, because the working group is not focusing on a fairly narrow substantive issue or concerned with a single collection source it was essential that a common framework be developed. Most of our twice weekly sessions, then, have been of a tutorial nature, as was DIA's Low Intensity Conflict Symposium in May, which a number of the members attended. We should complete this phase of our endeavor within the next few weeks.

3. The working group has not been exclusively gathering data; other steps preparatory to drafting have commenced as well. A number of key issues have been identified and a strawman study outline is being reviewed by the members. Once approved by the working group, inputs from individual members will be requested and the drafting process will begin. At some point we hope to visit elements of the operating forces to see how national intelligence is actually being used in the field. A brief trip to Norfolk, Fayetteville (Fort Bragg), and Tampa (MacDill Air Base) would provide those insights. Because of prior June commitments, including participation in exercises, travel is not possible until next month.

4. As the Working Group enters its second month of existence, be assured that we understand the need for expediency, appreciate the high-level interest, are determined to produce a first-rate study, and will keep you and your staff fully informed as we proceed. To this end an interim report for you and the DCI is planned by late June.

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FOR THE DIRECTOR:



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